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DAOUD, AND NAIM FAMILIES ARE NO LONGER AFGHAN CITIZENS

1. SUMMARY: RADIO AFGHANISTAN JUNE 13 BROADCAST A DECREE
FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL WHICH DECLARED THAT 23 SUR-
VIVING MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL, DAOUD AND NAIM FAMILIES
(THE "NADERI CLIQUE" SO VILIFIED BY THIS REGIME) WERE NO
LONGER AFGHAN CITIZENS. END SUMMARY

2. IN ADDITION TO CITING THE 23 PERSONS CONCERNED,
UNNAMED "FOREIGN SOURCES" WERE WARNED THAT, BECAUSE OF
NUMEROUS EVIL DEEDS, THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE NO RIGHT
TO USE THE PRIVILEGES OR EXERCISE THE RIGHTS OF AN AFGHAN
CITIZEN. AMONG THOSE DEPRIVED OF THEIR CITIZENSHIP
WERE: FORMER KING ZAHIR AND HIS WIFE HOMAIRA;
ABDUL WALI AND HIS WIFE BILQIS; SULTAN MAHMOUD
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GHAZI AND HIS WIFE ALIYA; ZALMAI MAHMOUD GHAZI;
ZAHIR'S BACHELOR SON MIR WAIS; THREE OF ZAHIR'S
MARRIED SONS AHMAD SHAH, MAHAMMAD NADER AND
MOHAMMAD DAOUD AND THEIR WIVES; ABDUL WALI'S TWO
BROTHERS AND ONE SISTER-IN-LAW; MOHAMMAD NAIM'S
SON MOHAMMAD AZIZ AND HIS WIFE; DAOUD'S DAUGHTER
TORPEKAI GHAZI; THE WIDOW OF MARSHAL SHAH WALI;

AND, ABDUL WALI'S SON-IN-LAW AND HIS WIFE.

3. COMMENT: THIS MOVE IS A LOGICAL NEXT STEP IN THE REGIME'S ONGOING AND VICIOUS PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE REMNANTS OF THE FORMER ROYAL FAMILY. SUCH A DRASTIC ACTION WAS NEVER TAKEN BY MOHAMMAD DAOUD AGAINST HIS ROYAL COUSIN WHOM HE OVERTHREW IN 1973. THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT'S DECISION GRAPHICALLY ILLUSTRATES ITS DETERMINATION TO BREAK WITH THE PAST, AND TO ERASE AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE ANY REMAINING GOOD-WILL AMONG THE POPULATION TOWARD THE FORMER RULING FAMILIES. SEVERAL AFGHANS HAVE EXPRESSED TO US DISMAY AND DESPAIR OVER THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, AND HAVE SAID THAT IT REVEALS THE TRUE CHARACTER OF THE NEW LEADERSHIP.

4. THE GOVERNMENT'S REFERENCE TO FOREIGN SOURCES CONCEIVABLY COULD BE AIMED AT GROUPS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO RALLY AROUND SOMEONE ON THIS LIST IN A "COUNTER-REVOLUTION" CAMPAIGN. IN THIS REGARD, THE REGIME IN KABUL IS STILL INSECURE AND HAS NOT YET ESTABLISHED ITS FIRM CONTROL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. RENDERING ABDUL WALI AND KING ZAHIR STATELESS THEREBY MAKES ANY LEGITIMATE TRAVEL ON THEIR PART TO THIS PART OF THE WORLD ALL THE MORE DIFFICULT.

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5. FOR LONDON: AMBASSADOR ELIOT, PROCEEDING TO WASHINGTON ON TRANSFER, WILL BE MEETING WITH MOHAMMAD AZIZ NAIM IN LONDON ON JUNE 15. MR. NAIM WAS FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO THE AFGHAN EMBASSY IN LONDON. PLEASE INFORM AMBASSADOR ELIOT, WHO WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH ANTHONY ARNOLD, OF THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT'S ACTION REGARDING MR. NAIM. AMSTUTZ

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